

Claims

What is claimed is:

1. An apparatus for managing multimedia content, said apparatus comprising:

an arrangement for supplying multimedia content;

5 an input interface for permitting the selection, for observation, of at least one
of the following modes associated with the multimedia content: an audio portion that
includes video; and a video portion that includes audio; and

an arrangement for annotating observations of a selected mode.

2. The apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said input interface permits
10 the selection, for observation, of both of the following associated with the multimedia
content: an audio portion that includes video; and a video portion that includes audio.

3. The apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said input interface
additionally permits the selection, for observation, of solely a video portion of
multimedia content.

15 4. The apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said input interface
additionally permits the selection, for observation, of solely an audio portion of
multimedia content.

5. The apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said arrangement for supplying multimedia content comprises a working memory which stores multimedia files.

6. The apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said input interface is adapted
5 to: first permit the selection of a multimedia file and then permit the selection of said at least one of: an audio portion simultaneously with video; and a video portion simultaneously with audio.

7. The apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising a working memory for saving the annotated observations of a selected mode.

10 8. The apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said input interface is adapted to permit the selection, for observation, at least the following mode associated with the multimedia content: a video portion that includes audio.

9. The apparatus according to Claim 8, wherein said input interface comprises:

15 an arrangement for permitting the selection, for observation, of a video mode of multimedia content; and

an arrangement for selectably adding audio to the video mode for observation.

10. A method of managing multimedia content, said method comprising the steps of:

supplying multimedia content;

permitting the selection, for observation, of at least one of the following modes associated with the multimedia content: an audio portion that includes video; and a video portion that includes audio; and

5 annotating observations of a selected mode.

11. The method according to Claim 10, wherein said step of permitting selection comprises permitting the selection, for observation, of both of the following associated with the multimedia content: an audio portion that includes video; and a video portion that includes audio.

10 12. The method according to Claim 10, wherein said step of permitting selection additionally comprises permitting the selection the selection, for observation, of solely a video portion of multimedia content.

13. The method according to Claim 10, wherein step of permitting selection comprises permitting the selection, for observation, of solely an audio portion of
15 multimedia content.

14. The method according to Claim 10, wherein said step of supplying multimedia content comprises providing a working memory which stores multimedia files.

15. The method according to Claim 10, wherein said step of permitting selection comprises: first permitting the selection of a multimedia file and then permitting the selection of said at least one of: an audio portion simultaneously with video; and a video portion simultaneously with audio.

5 16. The method according to Claim 10, further comprising the step of providing a working memory for saving the annotated observations of a selected mode.

17. The method according to Claim 10, wherein said step of permitting selection comprises permitting the selection, for observation, at least the following
10 mode associated with the multimedia content: a video portion that includes audio.

18. The method according to Claim 17, wherein said step of permitting selection comprises:

 permitting the selection, for observation, of a video mode of multimedia content; and

15 thereafter enabling the addition of audio to the video mode for observation.

19. A program storage device readable by machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform method steps for managing multimedia content, said method comprising the steps of:

supplying multimedia content;

permitting the selection, for observation, of at least one of the following modes associated with the multimedia content: an audio portion that includes video; and a video portion that includes audio; and

5 annotating observations of a selected mode.